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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: D. Harvey
Yukio SAKAGAWA, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2614
Appln. No.: 09/512,836)
: Filed: February 25, 2000)
: For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD) April 14, 2004
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004, which sets forth a restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group II, corresponding to Claims 35-59 and 71-74.

Applicants note that Claim 69 was not specifically mentioned in the restriction requirement. That claim appears to belong in Group I.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. L. Klock', is written over a horizontal line.

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